GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:45
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VIOLATION OF MCI RULES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rules/guidelines prescribed by the Medical Council of India (MCI) for running various medical courses at graduate/post graduate level by medical colleges;

(b) whether Government are aware that a number of medical colleges in various parts of the country are running courses in violation of these rules;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 FOR 17.7.2002

The Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government has framed the following regulations under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, for the purpose of maintaining uniform standard of medical education; for establishment of medical colleges; starting of postgraduate medical courses; increase of seats in undergraduate and postgraduate courses; and for prescribing the minimum standard requirements for medical colleges with prescribed number of admissions:-

a) Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997
b) Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999
c) Opening of New or Higher course of study or training (including Postgraduate course of study or training) and increase of admission capacity in any course of study or training (including Postgraduate course of study or training) Regulations, 2000
d) Regulations on the Minimum Standard Requirements for medical colleges for 50/100/150 admissions annually, 1999
e) Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000

The Medical Council of India, for the purpose of maintaining a uniform standard of medical education in the country, has laid down the broad principles and minimum requirements of the Council to be observed by the Institutions/Universities in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 and the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000. These Regulations prescribe the broad objectives of the course, minimum eligibility requirement for joining the course, selection criteria, period of training/internship, procedures relating to the conduct of examination, award of marks and the qualifications of the examiners etc. Besides, the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 contains the detailed syllabus of the MBBS course.

The medical colleges/institutions which are found violating these rules/regulations are issued notice by the Medical Council of India for fulfilling the requirements and in case of continued violation, the Council recommends for decrease in the number of seats or stoppage of further admissions. Under section 19 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Council is also empowered to recommend to the Central Government for de-recognition of a medical degree in respect of the students being trained in a particular medical college.